

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 17, 27-29, and 32-34, as amended, and new claims 38-50, are pending for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 3-16, 20, 23, 24, 26, 30, and 35-37 were cancelled in the amendment filed April 18, 2005, without prejudice to Applicants' rights to file one or more continuing or divisional applications directed to this or other unclaimed subject matter. In the response dated November 17, 2004, Applicants elected the species of claims 6, 7, 17, and 30 and generic claims 1, 2, 15, 16, 27-29, and 32-34. Claims 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, and 31 are withdrawn, but these claims have been amended to be consistent with elected and currently amended claim 1. None of these changes introduce new matter.

Applicants address the non-compliance of the amendments to the claims reported in the Office Communication mailed July 22, 2005. Each claim has been provided with a proper status identifier. Applicants note that in the amendment filed May 10, 2005, claims 3-5, 8-14, 20, 23, 24, and 26 were inadvertently labeled as "Withdrawn" due to a clerical error. These claims were cancelled in the amendment filed April 18, 2005. The claims appearing herein are the same claims that were submitted in the amendment filed April 18, 2005.

Accordingly, the entire application is now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree with the Applicants' position, then a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues and expedite the eventual allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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